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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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Whereas, The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is the Racing Capital of the World and annually hosts the world's largest one-day sporting event;

Whereas, The Indianapolis 500's prerace ceremonies have included the Parade of Bands Pageant since its 1922 debut that was directed by W. S. Mitchell, director of the Indianapolis Military Band;

Whereas, The first Parade of Bands captured headlines across the country, including an article in The New York Times;

Whereas, Some 178,000 musicians from alumni, community, fraternal, industrial, military, professional, high school, and university bands have taken approximately 961 million steps around the World's Greatest Racetrack, many of whom became lifelong race fans;

Whereas, The showmanship of bands from across the country, including the unique sounds of the Holland (Michigan) High School Marching Band performing in wooden shoes, the precision of the United States Marine Corps Band, and the dynamically enthusiastic Purdue University All-American Marching Band, adds to the kaleidoscope of sound, color, and emotion of race day;



Whereas, Today, high school and university band members showcase their talents that add to the excitement, tradition, and pageantry of the Indianapolis 500 in the Parade of Bands that is produced by Purdue University Professor Jay S. Gephart, Al G. Wright Chair of University Bands; and

Whereas, On Sunday, May 24, 2015, the 90th consecutive Parade of Bands will step off around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway before the running of the 99th Indianapolis 500: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly applauds and
2 commends the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the Purdue
3 University bands and orchestras for making the Parade of Bands part
4 of the Indianapolis 500 prerace ceremonies and providing opportunities
5 for thousands of musicians to participate in an international event.

6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Indianapolis
8 Motor Speedway and Professor Jay S. Gephart, Al G. Wright Chair of
9 University Bands.

